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On 20 November 1948, the following trials were made with guided missiles in the Dresden area:

1. Two vehicles with radio equipment, each containing a 30-tube transmitter (with "Stahlröhren"), proceeded to the Brocken and remained there until 27 November 1948. The vehicles were accompanied by eight German policemen, two Soviet technical officers, two German engineers from the Sachsenwerk, Dresden, four technicians and one secretary.
2. This detachment had direct telephone connections with the Königsbrück training area.
3. On the evening of 21 November 1948, at about 2130 hours, a number of missiles were fired from the Königsbrück training area; the missiles were released and directed by the detachment situated on the Brocken. The missiles landed about 35km, from Königsbrück on an area known as "Heller", which is situated in Dresden-Ost, and forms part of the Dresden-Klotzsche airfield area.
4. On the evening of 21 November 1948, the following observations were made in Dresden at about 2130 hours: Heavy explosions and detonations were heard for about one and a half hours. There were between eight and ten detonations with 30 second intervals between them; then a ten minute pause; and then again eight to ten detonations with 30 second intervals. A big fiery glow was noticed at the time in the sky, and splinters dropped at a place five km. from "Heller" in Dresden, on the Drachenberger Platz. The detonations were said to be so heavy that everything shook in that part of Dresden.
5. During the exercises about 30 planes were flying around with the task of aerial observation with the aid of searchlights.

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